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Richard Cleary
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Re: Items raised at North Central Area Committee Meeting held on 19th April, 2021

At the above meeting, the North Central Area Committee agreed the following:

5 Items for following meeting:

Merville Ave, Clontarf Waste Issue – ELO to engage with local businesses and prepare written report for May meeting.

The next meeting of the North Central Area Committee meeting takes place on Monday 17th May, 2021 at 2 pm. The deadline for reports is Wednesday 5th May, 2021 and for presentations is Wednesday 12th May, 2021.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and if you have any queries please contact Ms. Dara McLoughlin, Staff Officer at 222 8847 or Ms Catherine Cahill, Staff Officer at 222 8848.

Karl Mitchell
Director of Services - North City

Report

On Monday 26th April I visited Merville Avenue. Public Domain regularly remove graffiti at bridge in the vicinity.

I visited 3 out of 4 shops open (coffee shop extremely busy)

Surveyed each business asking if they had any waste concerns.

Commercial businesses surveyed Macs shoe repair, Fairview motors, little sport.

The general consensus the street bins need to be bigger and the local fast food restaurant need to install bins outside their premises. Post weekend litter is extremely bad due to food consumed in Fairview Park from fast food as takeaway and dumped beside bin because of overflowing bins. On visiting the Hillbillies takeaway I took the below picture highlighting no bin* outside to facilitate customers food waste, I asked for manager to inform them of their obligations but they were not present. I received a name and contact number to facilitate contact with our litter warden. Next day the litter warden visited the location and additional signage including bins where outside the takeaway and presentation was correct.

*Under section 16 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, Dublin County Council requires the operators of takeaway/food outlets or other outlets selling produce to provide suitable litter-bins in the vicinity of their outlets. Litter arising from the operation of their outlets must be cleaned up within a 100-metre radius of their outlet. Litter Wardens regularly inspect fast food outlets to ensure their premises are litter-free. Enforcement of the Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations 2003 is also used to combat this problem.

Recommendations:

Ideally install a solar compact bin outside school and outside coffee shop if possible.

Additional signage

Litter warden to patrol the area weekly, noted bulk of litter is weekend related so a weekend warden shift may be appropriate.

